

Spark Gap

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ARRL Club News

Available now from the ARRL website is the first edition of the ARRL Club News. This new publication, published monthly, is a gathering of news from more than 2000 clubs across the United States that are affiliated with the ARRL. Highlighted in the first edition is information from clubs in Ohio and Michigan. The newsletter also includes an Elmer's corner, information for ARRL instructors, and a listing of club milestones. Listed are clubs that have been around for 75 years, 50 years, 25 years and 10 years.

MARC Club News/Next Meeting

Copies will be available at the next club meeting on December 16th. It is hoped that we can share information about MARC as this newsletter grows and continues. Let Linda know what you would like to include and share about our organization. For starters, we can make sure our 25th year in 2008 is recognized.

During the December and January 2007 meetings we will be collecting dues for 2007. Matt Payne will be making new badges at the

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January meeting for anyone who pays their dues prior to or at the January meeting. After that we will have to schedule a month for Matt to be there to complete this task. Also available at the January meeting will be new badges for the lifetime members.

Field Day 2007

It's not too soon to be planning for Field Day 2007. Our president, JR Osborne, has already challenged the club to make 2007 a great year for field day and he is looking for great ideas and plenty of volunteers. We have the

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opportunity to plan and have a great year starting with a drive in 2007 to bring in new members to the club. A good start will be by promoting our Technician Class and getting a good turnout. So come to the next meeting and be ready to tell JR what you can do to help.

SparkGap News

Paul Hise has brought us some great news concerning our newsletter. He has gathered together and archived most of the Sparkgap newsletters from the past 20+ years and has taken on the challenging task of scanning these in so that they may be viewed on-line via our website at a later date. This is a great way to showcase our many years as a club. We will try to get a list of the few missing issues so that club members can check to see if any can be located.

Scenes from the Johnson County Employee Health Fair



This shot shows some of the other booths set up for the Fair. Photos taken by KC9GCH.

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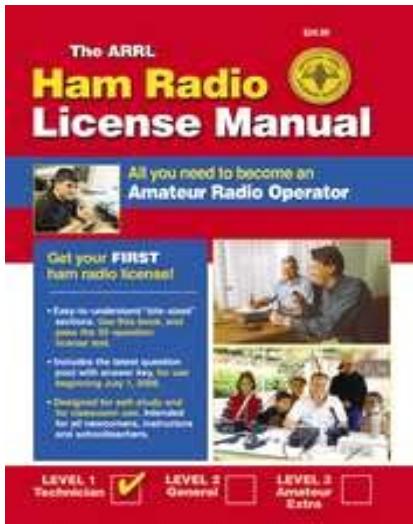
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MARC was allowed to use two tables which made for a very good display. Seated at the table is one of our newest members, Duane Straw. Also working the fair was Dave Wendt, Paul Hise, JR Osborne and Linda Harshbarger.

Technician Class in Planning Stages



The next Technician Class is being planned and a full class outline will be available at the meeting in December. A site has yet to be confirmed but should be set shortly after the first of the year. Based on the new manual, the class will take place over 8 evenings (one per week) each lasting 2 hours. Matt Payne, KB9UJE, will instruct a class on

Communicating With Other Hams (Chapter 4 - Week 4), Dave Wendt, KA9OOH, will instruct a class on Licensing Regulations (Chapter 5 - Week 5) and Linda Harshbarger, KB9GCH, will instruct a class on Welcome to Amateur Radio (Chapter 1 - Week 1). Each class will follow one of the 7 chapters in the new manual, with the 8th week devoted to review, conversation, and special presentations.

Still needed are instructors for Week 2 - Radio and Electronic Fundamentals, Week 3 - Operating Station Equipment, Week 6 - Operating Regulations and Week 7 - Electrical and RF Safety. Linda has also purchased the Instructor's Manual and has slides for each class that instructors may use as a guideline and presentation for their class. Linda also has a short introductory video

available for the first evening and several handouts for attendees. Instructors will work with her so that additional handouts can be prepared in advance of each class.

The goal is to create a flyer as soon as the site location is confirmed. Each MARC member is encouraged to hand out as many flyers as possible. Linda will make sure the class information is given to the media. Also contacted will be local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Girls, Inc. organizations.

At present it is not known if the annual class given by the Red Cross Disaster Radio Group in Indianapolis each September will continue to happen now that that group has converted back to the Red Cross. If our Spring class in its new format goes well, a second class may be planned for September.

MARC members are encouraged to volunteer as instructors or to work with Linda to bring in items of interest for a particular class. MARC will begin its 24th year in January 2007 and has lots to share with those wanting to learn more about Amateur Radio.

See Linda at the meeting about getting an outline. She will have both the new manual, the Instructor's manual, and a copy of each chapter's slide for your review. Let her know if you have items to share with the students.

Help us fill the class with students wanting to get their ticket and help us make sure they are well trained and pass the test with flying colors.

WA9RDF
Repeater
146.835/
146.235 MHz
151.4 Hz PL
Tone

Weekly Net
Every Sunday
at 7PM EST

Tune in to hear
the ARRL
Newsline!

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club sponsors a weekly traffic and social net on our repeater. The net begins at 7:00 p.m. local time, and features local news, announcements, and NTS traffic, as well as rebroadcasts of Amateur Radio Newsline.

Weekly Net

Make sure to check out our weekly net, held every Sunday at 1900 (7 PM) local time. This is a great chance to meet other local amateur radio operators and test your operating skills. Newsline is often played, allowing net participants to get the latest news about the amateur radio hobby. For those without the license or means to check in over the air, we offer an email check-in. Just send an email with your name and contact information to netcontrol@midstatehams.org, and we will record your check-in!



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2006 Schedule of Events

Public Service Events and/or Educational/Testing Opportunities

DECEMBER 2006

16 MARC Meeting

VEC Testing immediately following the meeting (approx. 9:30 am)

Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN

25 Evansville Hamfest

Vanderburgh County 4-H Fairgrounds Auditorium, Evansville, IN

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JANUARY 2007

20 MARC Meeting

VEC Testing immediately following the meeting (approx. 9:30 am)

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This is the beginning of our 24th year as the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club - let's start to work on 25th year celebration ideas/events!

FEBRUARY 2007

17 MARC Meeting

VEC Testing immediately following the meeting (approx. 9:30 am)

Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN

We will begin a Technician Class this month - check the website for details after the New Year Holiday!

24 Cabin Fever Hamfest, LaPorte, IN

Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge Street, LaPorte, IN 46350 - For more information see their website at <http://www.K9JSI.org>; Talk-in will be on 146.610 (PL131.8)

Please note: If you have any information on 2007 scheduled events, please forward to the PIO, Linda Harshbarger, KC9GCH, at PIO@midstatehams.org or KC9GCH@arrl.net. I am in the process of putting together a 2007 calendar of events and appreciate your assistance.

Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the THIRD SATURDAY of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our meeting.